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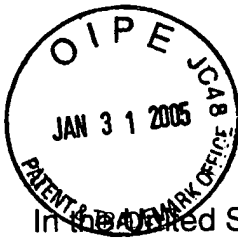
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LITHOGRAPHY

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Sir:

In response to Office communication dated 01/05/2005, a six-way restriction without
any action on the merits, applicants respectively submit as follows:

A. **Traverse.** Note that this specific traverse, which requests reconsideration
and withdrawal of the restriction, preserves right of petition. (See MPEP 1.181).

B. Provisional election of the invention identified by the examiner as “Invention I.” The examiner has specified “Claims 1-9, 12-13, drawn to a projection lithography system, classified in class 355, subclass 67.” Applicants request that the examiner modify his definition of Invention I to include also claims 10-11, each of which is also drawn to a projection lithography system. The apparent reasoning is the assumed presence of the “Zerozon” (Claims 10-11, subclass 75) or erroneously-assumed non-presence of the “Zerozon” (Claims 1-9, 12-13, subclass 67) as a reason for selecting either subclass 75 or subclass 67 of class 355. Note that Claim 1 states the inclusion of the Zerozon, as do all of Claims 2-9 and 12-13 through dependence on Claim 1 or positive statement of zerozon as an element in the individual claim.

C. Request for Reconsideration and Consequent Withdrawal or Modification of Restriction. (17 CFR 1.143) The examiner is requested to reconsider the entire restriction and withdraw the restriction in its entirety either because of error or in the interests of justice and good administration. Remarks will include details of reasoning.

D. **Discussion of Remarks.** The remarks, which will follow, will distinctly and specifically point out errors in the restriction requirement, and provide reasons why such errors -- plus non-error considerations of justice and good administration within the examiner's discretion -- suggest that the examiner exercise that discretion authority to withdraw, or at least to modify, the restriction. (37 CFR 1.144; see MPEP 1.111)

E. **Compromise.** Counsel, while traversing and requesting a complete lifting of the restriction, offers -- as a compromise -- a two-way restriction based upon major classification (355 or 430) rather than subclass.

F. **Responsive Remarks.** Counsel will respond in detail, paragraph by paragraph with similar numbering, to the Office communication.